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Applicant: L. Chen Attorney Docket No.: SEMT116013

Application No.: 09/045,245 Group Art Unit: 1741

Filed: March 20, 1998 Examiner: W. Nicholas

Title: METHOD FOR ELECTROLYTICALLY DEPOSITING COPPER ON A SEMICONDUCTOR WORKPIECE

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CERTIFICATION STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Seattle, Washington 98101

October 10, 2000

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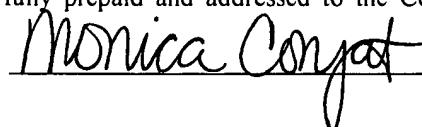
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicant is aware of the information listed in the attached form that may be material to the prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

1. Copies of the listed patents, publications, and other information are enclosed for the Examiner's use. Applicant notes these references were previously considered by Examiner Nicholas in corresponding international application PCT/US99/06306, concurrent with examination of the above application. While the Examiner is believed to have considered these references previously with respect to the present U.S. application, applicant wishes to clarify the record.
2. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) this information disclosure statement is being filed after the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, whichever occurs first, but before or simultaneous with payment of the issue fee. The statement is accompanied by a certification as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement is set forth below, and the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1). Check No. 121365 in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed.
- 2a. Applicant hereby petitions for consideration of this information disclosure statement.

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3. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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